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| (57) Abstract | | <p>Disclosed herein are therapeutic treatment protocols designed for the treatment of B cell lymphoma. These protocols are based upon therapeutic strategies which include the use of administration of immunologically active mouse/human chimeric anti-CD20 antibodies, radiolabeled anti-CD20 antibodies, and cooperative strategies comprising the use of chimeric anti-CD20 antibodies and radiolabeled anti-CD20 antibodies.</p> | |

C. Determination of Immunological Activity of Chimeric Anti-CD20 Antibodies

i. Human C1q Analysis

Chimeric anti-CD20 antibodies produced by both CHO and SP2/0 cell lines were evaluated for human C1q binding in a flow cytometry assay using fluorescein labeled C1q (C1q was obtained from Quidel, Mira Mesa, CA, Prod. No. A400 and FITC label from Sigma, St. Louis MO, Prod. No. F-7250; FITC. Labeling of C1q was accomplished in accordance with the protocol described in *Selected Methods In Cellular Immunology*, Michell & Shiigi, Ed. (W.H. Freeman & Co., San Francisco, CA, 1980, p. 292). Analytical results were derived using a Becton Dickinson FACScan™ flow cytometer (fluorescein measured over a range of 515-545 nm). Equivalent amounts of chimeric anti-CD20 antibody, human IgG1,K myeloma protein (Binding Site, San Diego, Ca, Prod. No. BP078), and 2B8 were incubated with an equivalent number of CD20-positive SB cells, followed by a wash step with FACS buffer (.2% BSA in PBS, pH 7.4, .02% sodium azide) to remove unattached antibody, followed by incubation with FITC labeled C1q. Following a 30-60 min. incubation, cells were again washed. The three conditions, including FITC-labeled C1q as a control, were analyzed on the FACScan™ following manufacturing instructions. Results are presented in Figure 6.

As the results of Figure 6 evidence, a significant increase in fluorescence was observed only for the chimeric anti-CD20 antibody condition; *ie* only SB cells with adherent chimeric anti-CD20 antibody were C1q positive, while the other conditions produced the same pattern as the control.

ii. Complement Dependent Cell Lyses

Chimeric anti-CD20 antibodies were analyzed for their ability to lyse lymphoma cell lines in the presence of human serum (complement source). CD20 positive SB cells were labeled with ^{51}Cr by admixing 100 μ Ci of ^{51}Cr with